

Outcome of the T2S Project Managers Group (PMG) Meeting

20 January 2021 (09:30 - 12:30 & 14:30 – 16:00)

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1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Outcome

The PMG chairperson welcomed the participants and introduced the meeting, held remotely due to COVID-19 precautionary measures. The PMG members approved the agenda of the meeting.

2. OUTCOME OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTION POINTS

Background documentation

- Outcome of the PMG meeting on 19 November 2020
- List of PMG Action Points

Outcome

The PMG members were informed that a late comment to the outcome of the PMG meeting on 19 November was received after the deadline and agreed to submit the proposed change to a PMG written procedure. Following the outcome of the written procedure, the final outcome of the meeting will be published on the ECB Website

The PMG members took note of the status updates of the action points (APs) and agreed to enlarge the scope of “AP-02 Confirming the need for operational testing on CR-746 and CR-747” to also include CR-750. The PMG agreed to propose “AP-03 Ensuring progress of revised proposal of T2S Community readiness to ESMIG” and “AP-04 Re-assessing the need for a new risk on the non-readiness of the T2S community for migrating to ESMIG” for discussion in the PMG call on 12 of February 2021; the deadlines of the APs will be revised accordingly.

3. UPDATE ON CRG ACTIVITIES

Background documentation

- Briefing of the CRG meeting of 19 January 2021 (table document)

Outcome

The PMG was informed of the outcome of the CRG meeting that took place on the previous day, 19 January 2021. The PMG took note of the discussions in the CRG and besides the information items, the PMG invited the 4CB to approach the OMG in its next meeting to present the aim of CR-739 (Prioritise transactions with an older intended settlement date over newer ones also after ISD+3 of the newer transaction) and complement its requirements, if needed, from an operational standpoint before the start of the detailed assessment.

The ECB will also approach the OMG on the clarification note CRG-PBR-0023 (Gap in Following Day Cash Forecast on Closing Business days), to ensure that the OMG is aware of the T2S behaviour on cash closing dates, as described in the note. The PMG took note that the Eurosystem was analysing whether the software behaviour was a release defect but that, in any case, amending the software behaviour in time for R5.0 was not feasible.

The PMG was briefed on the discussions in the CRG on OGPF updates and of the view of the CRG that the definition of CRs eligible for fast-track detailed assessment should be made more flexible. Some PMG members were of the view that the discussion goes beyond the definition of fast-track and has wider ramifications. Upon a proposal from a PMG member, the ECB agreed to propose a second workshop on OGPF updates towards the beginning of March, following the first one planned on 8 February 2021 for which, inter alia, the ECB will prepare a list of the CRs that have been fast-tracked in the last two years and the reason why; i.e. to try to map the observed cases to the fast-track definition [PMG-AP-05]. 4CB representatives also requested to discuss the duration of detailed assessments for fast-tracked CRs in that second workshop since an extended DA phase is sometimes compensating the CR PA being skipped.

4. RELEASE SCOPING

Background documentation:

- DA of Change Request T2S-0745-URD (T2S penalty mechanism must provide increased flexibility for the penalty computation currency in case of FOP instruction)

Outcome

The PMG took note of the results of the Detailed Assessment for Change Request T2S-0745-URD (T2S penalty mechanism must provide increased flexibility for the penalty computation currency in case of FOP instruction) and agreed to include CR-745 in the scope of Release 5.2 following the proposed deployment path.

- Ranked List of Change Requests as of 12 January 2021 ([ECB Website](#)) – for information

Outcome

The PMG took note of the updates to the T2S Change Requests ranking as of 12 January 2021.

- Updated capacity consumption

Outcome

The PMG took note of the updated capacity consumption and agreed to plan a follow-up discussion in an upcoming PMG call to consider retrospectively the situation of 2020, with a view to reporting the findings in the CSG meeting in March 2021 [PMG-AP-06].

5. CRs IMPACTING COMMON COMPONENTS

5.1 CRs raised by the T2S community

Outcome

The 4CB informed that the delivery of the DA of CR-720 may be delayed due to some potential interdependencies with CSLD CR-67 (not mature yet). If confirmed, the interdependencies will be recorded in the corresponding STP.

5.2 CRs not raised by the T2S community

Outcome

No CRs were proposed for discussion under this agenda item.

6. UPDATE ON USER TESTING & MIGRATION ACTIVITIES

Background documentation

- Update on the User Testing and Migration activities
- Penalty mechanism testing dashboard (table document)

Outcome

The PMG took note of the ongoing user testing and migration activities.

The PMG was informed that the allocation of the NRO screens/buttons to CSDs and CBs for both CR-722 solutions Applet and Go-Desktop was completed. 4CB and ECB reported that they face currently difficulties in testing CR-722 and will keep the PMG informed.

In light of the delays and communication processes experienced in the R4.2. EAC deployment, the PMG proposed to document the communication approach during "Option2" deployment to EAC in the User Testing Framework after having tested the deployment of R5.0 as a proof of concept [PMG-AP-07].

6.1 Euroclear Finland on-boarding

Background documentation:

- Migration of Euroclear Finland to T2S
- CR-751 Logical deletion of Securities Accounts and purge of CMB Securities Account Links
- CR-752 Intraday delta Flat File reporting and technical optimisations to enhance the flat file generation process

Outcome

The PMG was presented with the current status and planning assumptions of the Euroclear Finland onboarding to T2S and took note of the actions required by the group until end May 2021 for recommending a migration date to the T2S Steering Level. Based on the above, the PMG requested to have a detailed plan to schedule the PMG work and deliverables until the recommendation to the Steering level, to be agreed as soon as possible in an upcoming PMG call [PMG-AP-08]. 4CB recalled the main purpose of the volume tests, i.e. to identify whether any additional CR beyond CR-0751 and -0752 is needed, while only the NFT of the release delivering these CRs will show whether they work as expected. 4CB will provide the usual NFT planning elements to support the work of the PMG. The meeting dates for the migration workshops shall be communicated as soon as possible. Upon a comment by some PMG members stressing to the importance of defining a tentative migration weekend as soon

as possible, the Euroclear Finland representative confirmed that the tentative date they are working on is the second weekend in September 2023. The feasibility of this migration date will be confirmed during the PMG assessment. It was clarified that the OMG will provide its assessment to Steering Level in parallel to the PMG. Finally, the PMG agreed to request 4CB to launch the Detailed Assessments of CR-751 and CR-752 with a view of scoping them in Release 6.0.

7. PLANNING AND MONITORING OF T2S RELEASES

Background documentation:

- PMG information on release status as of 15 January 2021
- Service Transition Plans for R4.3, R5.0, R5.1 and R5.2.

Outcome

The PMG took note of the on-going scoping and testing activities as of 15 January 2021. In addition, the PMG was informed about the updated Service Transition Plans (STPs) for R4.3, R5.0, R5.1 and R5.2. The PMG agreed to run the related written procedures until 28 January 2020. Upon a question from a PMG member, it was clarified that the expectation is that the first draft of the STP for R6.0 will become available prior to the next PMG meeting in March 2021.

- Harmonised release numbering of TARGET services

Outcome

The PMG was presented with a proposal for harmonising the TARGET Services release numbering. The harmonised number is intended to map to the existing release numbering system of each TARGET Service. The PMG objected to the proposal and is of the view that the proposed harmonised numbering does not add value and in some cases even creates inconsistencies e.g. the indicator of the nature of the TARGET Services release (R1 = Major, R2 = Minor) is different across the services (e.g. TIPS November release is the major release (i.e. RX.0) while in the proposed Harmonised TARGET Services release number would be flagged as a Minor release (R2)). The PMG is of the view that there would be value in a fully harmonised numbering (incl. SDD versions), but not in a “mapping table” approach. On this note, there was a suggestion by a PMG member to align the numbering of the UDFS with the release (e.g. T2S R6.0 to be reflected on UDFS 6.0) that the 4CB will consider internally and revert to the PMG [PMG-AP-09]. While the common components numbering remains outstanding, it was acknowledged that there is a dependency with the CRs numbering.

8. T2S STATUS UPDATE ON PLAN AND RISKS

Background documentation:

- T2S Summary Plan, T2S Release & Migration Calendar

Outcome

Following the endorsement by PMG in November 2020 of the Annexes 2 and 3 - T2S Release and Migration Calendar of the Schedule 2 as part of the annual review of the T2S Framework Agreement (T2S FA) and Currency Participation Agreement (CPA), the PMG was informed of the subsequent approval by the MIB in December 2020.

9. UPDATE ON OTHER GROUPS ACTIVITIES

9.1 Operational Management Group – OMG

Background documentation:

- Update on the OMG activities – oral debrief

Outcome

The PMG took note of the OMG ongoing activities. In addition, the PMG was informed about the status of PMG AP-002, opened on 19 November 2020, regarding the need to perform operational testing for CR-746, CR-747 and CR-750. The OMG will revert to the PMG once the discussion is conclusive (i.e. AP-002 remains open).

9.2 Trilateral Drafting Group

Background documentation:

- Management of TARGET Test Environments Principles – oral debriefing

Outcome

The PMG took note of the ongoing Trilateral Drafting Group activities following its meeting in December 2020.

10. LESSONS LEARNT

10.1 Lessons Learnt from R4.2

Background documentation:

- Lessons Learnt from R4.2
- Catalogue of lessons learnt

Outcome

Following the first discussion on the R4.2 Lessons Learnt and related catalogue in the PMG call on 04 December 2020, the PMG discussed the outcome of the WP that had been initiated thereafter and agreed to run a brief WP reflecting the discussed changes.

- How to optimise recovery time upon unavailability of T2S testing environments

Outcome

Following the revision of the Lessons Learnt for R4.2, the 4CB presented to the PMG a proposal on how to optimise recovery time upon unavailability of T2S testing environments. PMG members were of the view that option 2 (prioritising moving on with the Operational day; i.e. shortening the time in between events) is their preferred option. The PMG agreed to collect further views from PMG members on the preferred option and which events in the operational day are essential.

10.2 Release Quality Indicators

Background documentation:

- T2S R4.2 – Quality Indicators

Outcome

The PMG took note of the quality indicators computed for R4.2.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Timing of PMG meetings and calls

Background documentation:

- 2021 T2S Meeting Calendars

Outcome

The PMG members took note of the upcoming PMG meetings and calls in 2020 and 2021 and agreed to complement the calendar with the OGPFS WS on 8 February 2021 (15:30-18:00 CET), the Target Services Risk Management WS tentatively on 11 March 2021 and the Euroclear Finland migration workshops (dates t.b.c.)

PMG call	29 January 2021
PMG Go/No Go to Prod	4 February 2021
OGPFS WS (only for nominated PMG members)	8 February 2021
PMG call	12 February 2021
PMG call	26 February 2021
TSRM WS (only for nominated PMG members)	11 March 2021 (tentatively)
PMG call	12 March 2021
PMG meeting	25 March 2021
PMG Go/ No Go to Pre-Prod	30 March 2021